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BERIKER, JAMES

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 November 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/25/02.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McBrearty with Patent Number 6,823,491 in view of Ciarlante et al. with Patent Number 6,594,819.

1. Regarding claim(s) 1, 5, McBrearty teaches a cite referral engine. McBrearty teaches a traffic management parameter as "key words", col. 5, lines 2-4. McBrearty teaches a search referral module that analyzes the user's search request or URL, col. 4, lines 61-64. McBrearty teaches the referral mode routes traffic to the designated location, col. 5, lines 12-14. McBrearty teaches the invention in the above claim(s) except for explicitly teaching establishing an account for a referral provider with a name ID and password. In that McBrearty operates refer a specific cite, the artisan would have looked to the network referral arts for details of implementing an account for a referrer. In that art, Ciarlante, a related network application hosting system, teaches "an application must register and establish an account to pay for use of the hosted application", col. 3-4, lines 67-2 in order to take advantage of the service provided. Ciarlante specifically teaches that "in which the hosting system is an ISP ... accounts with the ISP ... account identifier ... user name ... password", col. 9, lines 18-26. Further, Ciarlante suggests the

user "chooses or specifies a URL", col. 9, line 15 will result from implementing his service and accounts. The motivation to incorporate account information insures that the service provider receives remuneration. Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the account information as taught in Ciarlante into the referral system described in the McBrearty patent because McBrearty operates with hosting accounts and Ciarlante suggests that an account would be used for billing referrals. Therefore, by the above rational, the above claim(s) are rejected.

2. Regarding claim(s) 2, McBrearty teaches management parameters comprise designated target location as a site specific URL and key search terms col. 5, lines 1-4.

3. Regarding claim(s) 3, McBrearty the referral mode routes traffic to the designated location, col. 5, lines 12-14.

4. Regarding claim(s) 4, McBrearty teaches the search request comprises a set of user defined terms, col. 4, lines 6-10 and the referral module compares the search terms with predefined key terms, col. 5, lines 2-6.

Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure is disclosed in the Notice of References Cited. A close review of the references is suggested. A close review of the Rolland reference with Patent Number 6,625,594 is suggested. The other references cited teach numerous other ways to index data by subject to preference searches by referring providers, thus a close review of them is suggested.

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephan Willett whose telephone number is (571) 272-3890. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
4. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Harvey, can be reached on (571) 272-3896. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.
5. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2100.



Stephan Willett

Patent Examiner

March 25, 2005

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	C	US-6,141,666	10-2000	Tobin, William J.	715/513
	D	US-6,457,005	09-2002	Torrey, David R.	707/5
	E	US-6,836,775	12-2004	Anderson et al.	707/10
	F	US-6,393,412	05-2002	Deep, Peter	705/400
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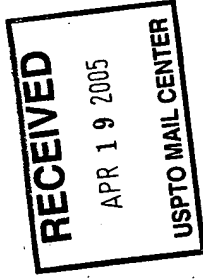
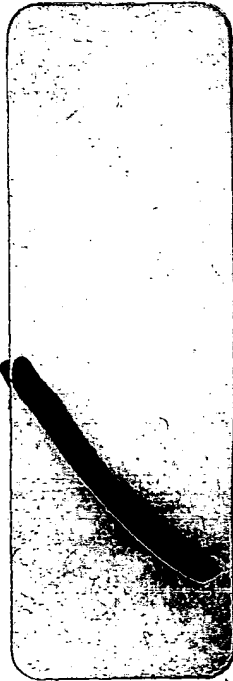
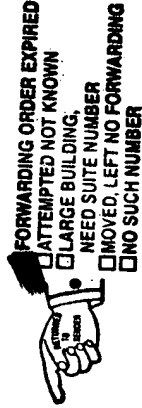
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